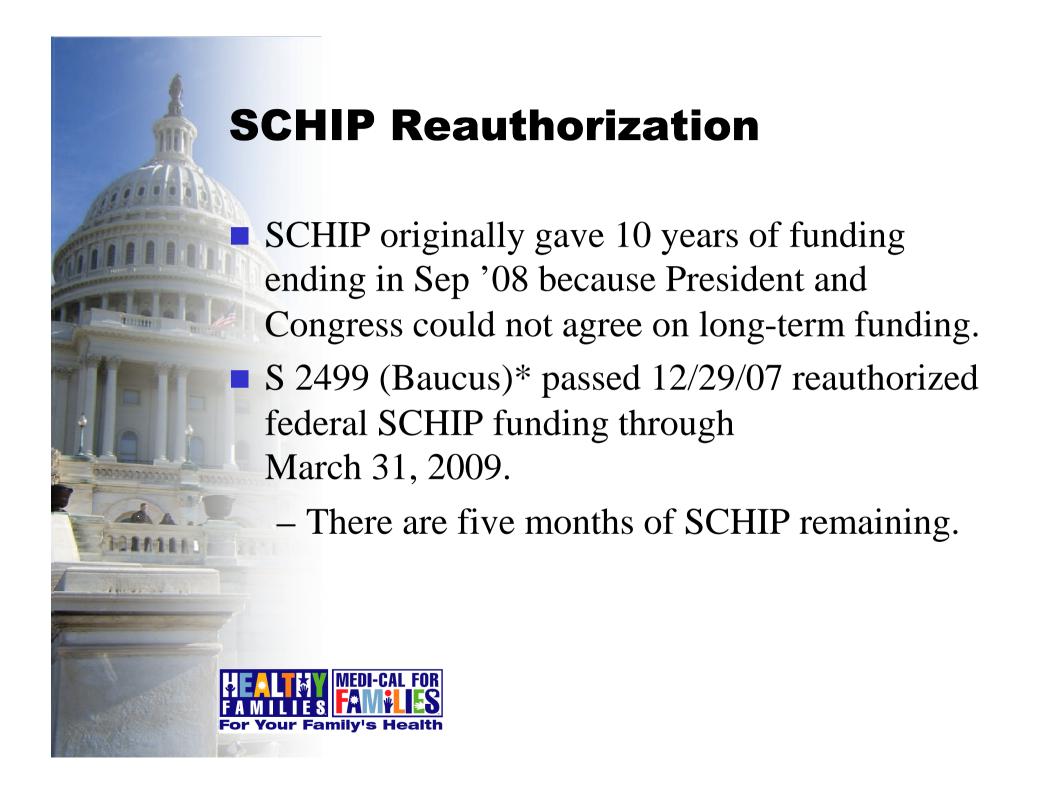


## What SCHIP Is Federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997\* created: State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Consists of 2 to 1 federal matching funds for states to provide health insurance coverage for "target lowincome" children. Purpose: with SCHIP, states can: expand Medicaid for children, or create a new children's program, or - both.



- California has done both:
  - Expanded Medi-Cal to serve more children in Medi-Cal, and
  - Created the Healthy Families Program (HFP) and later approved the Access to Infants and Mothers (AIM) program up to 300% federal poverty level (FPL).
- Ca is the largest SCHIP in the US:
  - Ca serves over one million uninsured children and pregnant women









## **SCHIP Looking Forward**

New Federal Mental Health Parity law\* may change CalPERS' health benefits, which are the benchmark for HFP and AIM health benefits, thereby increasing the cost of these programs.



\*HR 1424, Public Law No: 110-343.

